REPORT

OF THE

CIVIL JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

OF THE

Bombay Presidency,

FOR

THE YEAR 1857.

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Bombay, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut,
19th March 1858.

To

The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial Department.

SIR,

Present,
W. E. Frere,
M. Larken,
W. H. Harrison,
Esquires.

I have the honour, by direction of the Judges of the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, to submit, for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Statements Nos. 1 to 16, prepared in conformity with the Forms transmitted with Mr. Secretary Lumsden's letter, No. 7459, of the 30th September 1852, showing the result of the Civil Judicial Administration of the Bombay Presidency for the year 1857, contrasted with the four previous years; together with Statements Nos. 1 to 12, and Nos. 1 to 12, giving the same information in respect to the Agency and Revenue Courts respectively.

2. I have also the honour to forward the usual Statement showing the European Officers who presided over the several Civil and Criminal Courts, and the business disposed of by each.

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Government letter No. 1800, dated 2nd June 1857, I am desired to state that the Statement of the number of Original Suits of different value, decided by the Native Judges, will be submitted when the necessary information (now in course of receipt) has been furnished from the Zillahs.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. MORRIS,
1st Assistant Registrar.

H. L. ANDERSON, Esq.

CIVIL.

No. 1.—PUNCHAYETS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	46	46	92	74	28
Total....	46	46	92	74	28
Decided on merits	46	46	92	74	28
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	46	46	92	74	28
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..

No. 2.—VILLAGE MOONSIFFS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	..	..	..	..	..
Decided on merits	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..

NOTE.—There are no Village Moonsiffs under this Presidency.

No. 3.—DISTRICT MOONSIFFS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	14717	16771	21038	20467	25587
Instituted during the year	80678	75708	77835	87167	76327
Received by transfer	583	4164	3402	5236	4525
Total....	95978	96643	102275	112870	106439
Decided on merits	57345	54246	61108	64264	65374
Dismissed on default	3523	2494	2649	2515	2882
Adjusted or withdrawn	17386	15751	16132	17154	15234
Otherwise disposed of	953	3114	1919	3350	4565
Total....	79207	75605	81808	87283	88055
Depending 31st December	16771	21038	20467	25587	18384

No. 4.—SUDDER AMEENS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	3285	3917	5441	4805	4335
Instituted during the year	17225	14267	15588	18387	13061
Received by transfer	132	A 1315	571	756	851
Total....	20642	19499	21600	23948	18247
Decided on merits	11788	9275	11511	13486	11012
Dismissed on default	1541	1140	1043	1081	1092
Adjusted or withdrawn	3324	2672	2778	2896	1995
Otherwise disposed of	72	971	1463	2150	835
Total....	16725	14058	16795	19613	14934
Depending 31st December	3917	5441	4805	4335	3313

A.—These include 171 Suits transferred from the File of the Principal Sudder Ameen at Sholapore, whose appointment was converted into that of a Sudder Ameen on the 31st August 1854.

No. 5.—PRINCIPAL SUDDER AMEENS.

	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	1977	101	3020	387	2763	85	2017	322	2405	146
Instituted during the year ..	9622	701	9562	336	7277	61	9329	18	7832	38
Received by transfer	599	804	212	614	154	626	606	758	638	692
Total....	12198	1606	12794	1337	10194	772	11952	1098	10875	876
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	6155	354	6164	279	5507	195	6393	283	5690	218
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	717	599	679	427	671	160	638	321	677	321
Remanded.....	..	228	..	179	..	75	..	200	..	101
Dismissed on default	535	22	680	10	483	10	581	38	515	8
Adjusted or withdrawn	1437	15	1373	27	1016	7	1164	12	1063	10
Otherwise disposed of.....	334	1	A 1135	B 330	500	3	771	98	278	19
Total....	9178	1219	10031	1252	8177	450	9547	952	8223	677
Depending 31st December ..	3020	387	2763	85	2017	322	2405	146	2652	199

A.—171 of these are transferred to the File of the Sudder Ameen, in consequence of the abolition of the appointment of Principal Sudder Ameen of Sholapore, in August 1854.

B.—Six of these Appeals are transferred to the File of the Judge of Sholapore, for the reason above stated.

No. 6.—ASSISTANT JUDGES.

	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	42	1132	52	1387	44	1315	90	1620	99	1123
Instituted during the year ..	30	1416	21	1413	48	1455	39	1309	26	1388
Received by transfer	23	716	12	979	13	839	52	1549	49	1928
Total....	95	3264	85	3779	105	3609	181	4478	174	4439
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	12	341	12	452	2	330	12	637	20	777
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	6	645	14	861	5	801	31	1367	28	1661
Remanded.....	..	279	..	280	..	307	..	433	..	498
Dismissed on default	3	45	6	37	2	35	15	112	9	202
Adjusted or withdrawn	17	31	6	49	4	56	16	71	13	62
Otherwise disposed of	5	536	3	785	2	460	8	735	18	213
Total....	43	1877	41	2464	15	1989	82	3355	88	3413
Depending 31st December ..	52	1387	44	1315	90	1620	99	1123	86	1026

No. 7.—SUBORDINATE AND ADDITIONAL JUDGES.

	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	923	..	676
Instituted during the year ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Received by transfer	..	..	..	..	..	1092	..	..	..	..
Total....	..	..	..	..	..	1092	..	924	..	676
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	22	..	..
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	..	..	..	..	..	74	..	40	..	..
Remanded	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	20	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	1	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	159	..	676
Total....	..	..	..	..	..	169	..	248	..	676
Depending 31st December ..	..	..	..	..	..	923	..	676	..	..

No. 8.—DISTRICT AND CITY JUDGES.

	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	40	1236	36	1843	31	2430	26	1598	28	2046
Instituted during the year ..	25	2735	17	2747	20	2687	63	3325	53	3324
Received by transfer	25	430	17	889	19	194	9	538	19	509
Total....	90	4401	70	5479	70	5311	98	5461	100	5879
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	13	344	8	406	4	254	11	326	12	416
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	6	551	4	956	4	812	5	850	2	1061
Remanded.....	..	171	..	260	..	271	..	277	..	280
Dismissed on default	10	17	3	61	15	56	4	56	8	105
Adjusted or withdrawn.....	1	55	3	70	5	82	7	84	5	56
Otherwise disposed of	24	1420	21	1296	16	2238	43	1822	31	2103
Total....	54	2558	39	3049	44	3713	70	3415	58	4021
Depending 31st December ..	36	1843	31	2430	26	1598	28	2046	42	1858

No. 9.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Depending 1st January	15	268	16	354	15	375	18	400	13	328
Admitted during the year	3	200	6	110	6	134	4	80	4	121
Total	18	468	22	464	21	509	22	480	17	449
Dismissed on default	..	7	1	..	..	2	1	6	4	36
Adjusted or withdrawn	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	2
Confirmed	1	39	2	47	1	47	4	83	4	155
Amended	..	5	..	7	2	12	2	11	1	38
Reversed	..	24	3	22	..	24	2	25	3	82
Remanded	..	39	1	12	..	23	..	26	1	92
Total	2	114	7	89	3	109	9	152	13	405
Depending 31st December	16	354	15	375	18	400	13	328	4	44

No. 10.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	20061	23796	29317	27405	32454
Instituted during the year	107626	99621	100860	115059	97327
Received by transfer	1362	5720	4159	6659	6082
Total	129049	129137	134336	149123	135863
Decided on merits	76088	70448	78904	84914	82843
Dismissed on default	5612	4323	4192	4196	4506
Adjusted or withdrawn	22165	19805	19935	21237	18310
Otherwise disposed of	1388	5244	3900	6322	5727
Depending 31st December	23796	29317	27405	32454	24477
Decided by European Judges	68	56	59	101	97
Ditto Native ditto	103751	94474	106780	110172	105534
Ditto Punchayets	46	46	92	74	28
Total decided	103865	94576	106931	110347	105659

No. 11.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	District and City Judges.										Subordinate and Additional Judges.										Assistant Judges.										Principal Sudder Ameens.									
	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857		1853		1854		1855		1856		1857		1853		1854		1855		1856		1857		1853		1854		1855		1856		1857	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Suits appealable	19	895	12	1362	8	1066	16	1176	14	1477	..	..	..	..	..	117	..	62	..	..	18	986	26	1313	7	1131	43	2004	48	2438	6872	953	6843	706	6178	355	7031	604	6367	539
Appealed	3	88	6	42	6	63	4	38	4	47	..	8	..	1	..	1	..	7	..	5	19	90	13	47	6	55	17	24	30	63	564	14	492	20	520	15	595	11	529	6
Appeals depending on 1st January.	12	120	14	155	14	172	17	179	13	159	..	36	..	33	..	26	..	17	..	11	14	105	27	150	34	148	18	167	29	120	365	7	563	16	545	29	483	37	620	38
Received by transfer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	14	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	11	..	172	..	4	..	95	..
Total	15	208	20	197	20	235	21	217	17	206	..	44	..	34	..	27	..	24	..	16	33	195	49	197	54	203	35	191	64	183	929	21	1066	36	1237	44	1082	48	1244	44
Affirmed	..	18	2	11	1	20	4	34	4	84	..	1	..	3	..	5	..	6	..	3	3	15	6	28	14	19	3	38	9	52	213	5	305	5	315	3	223	5	283	16
Modified	..	..	..	2	2	9	2	5	1	18	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	2	1	5	..	5	4	1	2	4	1	16	34	..	51	..	42	..	36	1	44	2
Reversed	..	14	2	9	..	9	2	8	3	32	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	1	8	4	9	..	11	..	15	4	33	41	..	53	2	55	3	56	1	70	13
Remanded	..	15	1	2	..	15	..	8	1	39	..	8	..	3	..	2	..	4	..	5	..	16	..	7	4	5	..	11	3	44	51	..	66	..	100	1	95	3	93	4
Dismissed on default	..	6	1	..	..	2	..	2	4	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	4	..	1	..	1	3	..	14	9	..	23	..	34	..	23	..	51	4
Adjusted or withdrawn	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	18	..	23	..	40	..	27	..	26	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	12	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	168	..	2	..	77	..
Total	1	53	6	25	3	56	8	58	13	190	..	11	..	8	..	10	..	13	..	16	6	45	15	49	36	36	6	71	22	160	366	5	521	7	754	7	462	10	644	39
Depending 31st December	14	155	14	172	17	179	13	159	4	16	..	33	..	26	..	17	..	11	..	..	27	150	34	148	18	167	29	120	42	23	563	16	545	29	483	37	620	38	600	5

SUPPLEMENT TO No. 11.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Sudder Ameens.					Moonsiffs.					Jagheerdars.					Punchayets.					Revenue Courts.				
	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.
Suits appealable	11788	9275	11511	13486	11012	57345	54246	61108	64264	65374	156	133	147	213	233	46	46	92	74	28	..	..	..	..	..
Appealed	755	673	747	770	673	3500	3311	2923	3263	3504	11	4	4	6	9	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	3	2	2
Appeals depending on 1st January	342	667	770	A 873	756	1740	2345	2468	A3078	2569	5	8	4	B 3	6	..	..	..	B 1	1	6	9	10	8	10
Received by transfer	125	273	554	462	477	1825	2188	2003	2378	2549	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	1	2
Total	1222	1613	2071	2105	1906	7065	7844	7394	8719	8622	16	13	9	9	15	..	..	..	1	5	9	12	20	11	14
Affirmed	201	294	317	445	452	1340	1495	1131	1891	2278	3	5	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	2
Modified	51	64	43	73	101	355	328	176	358	367	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed	63	105	110	120	142	525	668	455	636	694	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Remanded	78	74	125	151	148	548	578	460	684	634	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	24	19	25	49	71	51	62	42	140	193	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	13	25	34	56	29	69	97	83	85	72	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	125	262	545	455	459	1832	2148	1963	2356	2468	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	1	2
Total	555	843	1199	1349	1402	4720	5376	4315	6150	6706	8	9	5	3	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	12	1	7
Depending 31st December	667	770	A 872	756	504	2345	2468	A3079	2569	1916	8	4	B 4	6	12	..	..	B	1	2	9	10	8	10	7

A.—The difference in bringing forward these Balances is thus explained by the Judge of Ahmedabad: one appeal from the decision of Sudder Ameen has been inserted through an oversight as from the decision of a Moonsiff.

B.—The difference in bringing forward these Balances arose from a mistake in last year's Statement, wherein one appeal from the decision of Punchayet was inadvertently included among the appeals from Jagheerdars.

No. 12.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Connected with Land Rent	201	136	115	124	238
Otherwise connected with Land	2471	2231	2217	2660	2816
Connected with Debts, Wages, &c.	99007	90380	102903	105130	100584
Ditto Caste, Religion, &c.....	371	215	252	284	245
Ditto Indigo, Sugar, Silk, &c.	1815	1614	1444	2149	1776
Total....	103865	94576	106931	110347	105659

No. 13.—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
78263	27396

No. 14.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1853			1854			1855			1856			1857		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut.	1	8	28	1	5	17	2	6	3	2	9	28	2	1	20
District and City Judges..	..	9	17	1	5	16	1	1	10	..	8	10	1	2	20
Subordinate and additional Judges.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	8	1	3	9	13	..	..	..
Assistant Judges	..	10	11	1	1	25	1	6	13	1	6	4	1	6	..
Principal Sudder Ameens.	..	3	17	..	3	23	..	3	15	..	4	11	..	4	6
Sudder Ameens	..	2	25	..	4	9	..	4	12	..	3	12	..	3	16
Moonsiffs	..	5	29	..	6	4	..	7	5	..	8	13	..	3	9

No. 15.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Before Sudder Adawlut	604511	713210	676559	542764	145781
Before other Courts, Original	3829620	3915644	4372378	4111914	3015866
Ditto Ditto , Appeals	3393501	3852067	1387553	1433305	1049858
Total	7827632	8480921	6436490	6087983	4211505

No. 16.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1853				1854				1855				1856				1857			
	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
		Rs.	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
At the instance of Individuals	1034	66629	..	6	784	54354	13	6	780	62744	11	4	797	52417	..	4	872	60450	11	8
At the instance of Government	4	9694	7	9	..	..	..	..	6	1076	13	9	8	1533	8	8	1	954	3	..
Total Number in Jail	1038	76323	8	3	784	54354	13	6	786	63821	9	1	805	53950	9	..	873	61404	14	8

AGENTS' COURTS.

No. 1.—PUNCHAYETS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	5	6	4	7	..
Total....	5	6	4	7	..
Decided on merits	5	6	4	7	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	5	6	4	7	..
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..

No. 2.—JAGHEERDARS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	163	137	60	96	132
Instituted during the year	341	188	253	421	451
Received by transfer	2	7	7	8	51
Total....	506	332	320	525	634
Decided on merits	228	144	157	235	300
Dismissed on default	8	9	14	32	28
Adjusted or withdrawn	69	54	53	125	122
Otherwise disposed of	64	65	..	1	36
Total....	369	272	224	393	486
Depending 31st December	137	60	96	132	148

No. 3.—ASSISTANT AGENT.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	16	24	26	34	45
Instituted during the year	24	17	13	14	13
Received by transfer	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	40	41	39	48	58
Decided on merits	11	12	3	2	15
Dismissed on default	2	2	1	..	9
Adjusted or withdrawn	3	1	1	1	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	16	15	5	3	24
Depending 31st December	24	26	34	45	34

No 4.—AGENTS.

	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	3	11	10	5	11	5	13	1	10	1
Instituted during the year ..	11	7	9	5	6	4	6	1	7	6
Received by transfer	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	3
Total....	14	18	19	10	17	10	19	2	19	10
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	4	3	2	1	4	2	5	..	5	..
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	..	1	2	3	..	5	..	1	3	1
Remanded.....	..	9	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	3	1	..	..	2	..	1	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total....	4	13	8	5	4	9	9	1	9	2
Depending 31st December ..	10	5	11	5	13	1	10	1	10	8

No. 5.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Depending 1st January	14	6	11	8	7	8	9	5	3	2
Admitted during the year ..	..	2	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	14	8	11	9	10	8	9	5	3	2
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Confirmed	3	..	3	..	1	1	1	1	3	..
Amended	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Reversed	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Remanded.....	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	2
Total....	3	..	4	1	1	3	6	3	3	2
Depending 31st December ..	11	8	7	8	9	5	3	2	..	..

No. 6.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	182	171	97	143	187
Instituted during the year	381	220	276	448	471
Received by transfer	2	7	7	8	53
Total....	565	398	380	599	711
Decided on merits	248	166	168	249	323
Dismissed on default	10	14	15	34	38
Adjusted or withdrawn	72	56	54	128	122
Otherwise disposed of.....	64	65	..	1	36
Depending 31st December.....	171	97	143	187	192
Decided by European Judges	20	23	9	12	33
Ditto Native ditto	305	207	224	392	450
Ditto Punchayets.....	5	6	4	7	..
Total decided....	330	236	237	411	483

No. 7.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Agents.										Assistant Agents.					Jagheerdars.					Punchayets.				
	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857		1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.
Suits appealable	4	4	4	4	4	7	5	1	8	1	11	12	3	2	15	228	144	147	235	300	5	6	4	7	..
Appealed	..	2	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	1	5	6	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Appeals depending on 1st January	14	6	11	8	7	8	9	5	3	2	1	1	3	..	1	10	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Received by transfer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Total	14	8	11	9	10	8	9	5	3	2	2	4	5	1	7	16	6	5	1	3	..	..	..	..	..
Affirmed	3	..	3	..	1	1	1	1	3	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Modified	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	3	..	4	1	1	3	6	3	3	2	1	1	5	..	2	12	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December	11	8	7	8	9	5	3	2	..	..	1	3	..	1	5	4	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..

No. 8.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Connected with Land Rent	..	..	3	10	4
Otherwise connected with Land	4	2	3	8	5
Connected with Debts, Wages, &c	326	234	231	389	474
Ditto Caste, Religion, &c.	..	..	..	..	..
Ditto Indigo, Sugar, Silk, &c	..	..	..	4	..
Total....	330	236	237	411	483

No. 9.—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
356	127

No. 10.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1853			1854			1855			1856			1857		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut.	3	2	19	2	9	5	2	10	6	5	9	28	2	3	27
Agents	1	..	12	..	11	..	1	2	..	1	5	12	1	6	15
Assistant Agent	..	11	13	1	..	16	1	6	14	2	5	13	2	3	16
Jagheerdars	..	6	4	..	4	11	1	2	16	1	10	1	..	4	26

No. 11.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Before Sudder Adawlut	27431	25054	42502	18567	..
Before other Courts, Original	728977	559691	129268	110649	204875
Ditto ditto Appeals	143	2739	72	149	753
Total....	756551	587484	171842	129365	205628

No. 12.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1853				1854				1855				1856				1857			
	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
		Rs.	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
At the instance of Individuals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
At the instance of Government....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Number in Jail	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

REVENUE COURTS.

No. 1.—PUNCHAYETS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	1	..	..	1	..
Total....	1	..	..	1	..
Decided on merits	1	..	..	1	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	1	..	..	1	..
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..

No. 2.—MAMLUTDARS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	421	423	376	387	475
Instituted during the year	1343	1410	1613	1653	1415
Received by transfer	47	136	66	46	175
Total....	1811	1969	2055	2086	2065
Decided on merits	862	970	967	978	890
Dismissed on default	184	178	202	216	269
Adjusted or withdrawn	287	408	487	391	380
Otherwise disposed of	55	37	12	26	42
Total....	1388	1593	1668	1611	1581
Depending 31st December	423	376	387	475	484

No. 3.—ASSISTANT COLLECTORS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	..	1	1	..	2
Instituted during the year	2	1	..	4	6
Received by transfer	2	..	..	2	..
Total....	4	2	1	6	8
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	2	1	..	2	5
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	..	..	..	2	1
Remanded	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	1	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	1
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	1	..	..
Total....	3	1	1	4	A 7
Depending 31st December	1	1	..	2	1

A.—These include 6 Suits decided by the Deputy Collector of Kaira.

No. 4.—COLLECTORS.

	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	4	104	4	162	4	198	5	200	4	214
Instituted during the year	2	147	..	244	1	190	2	169	1	211
Received by transfer	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	3	..	..
Total....	6	251	4	409	5	391	7	372	5	425
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	1	10	..	65	..	55	1	44	..	42
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	..	44	..	113	..	94	..	54	..	121
Remanded	..	13	..	22	..	19	..	11	..	48
Dismissed on default	..	11	..	7	..	15	..	44	2	19
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	7	..	2	..	4	..	4	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	1	4	..	2	..	4	2	1	..	3
Total....	2	89	..	211	..	191	3	158	2	233
Depending 31st December	4	162	4	198	5	200	4	214	3	192

NOTE.—This Statement includes the work of the Sub-Collector of Colaba.

No. 5.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Depending 1st January	4	5	3	9	2	8	2	10	2	17
Admitted during the year ..	..	5	2	6	..	4	..	8	..	3
Total....	4	10	5	15	2	12	2	18	2	20
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Confirmed	1	1	1	4	..	1	..	..	2	8
Amended	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Remanded.....	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	4
Total....	1	1	3	7	..	2	..	1	2	18
Depending 31st December ..	3	9	2	8	2	10	2	17	..	2

No. 6.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Depending 1st January	425	428	381	392	481
Instituted during the year	1348	1411	1614	1660	1422
Received by transfer	49	136	66	48	175
Total....	1822	1975	2061	2100	2078
Decided on merits	866	971	967	984	896
Dismissed on default	185	178	202	216	271
Adjusted or withdrawn	287	408	487	391	381
Otherwise disposed of.....	56	37	13	28	42
Depending 31st December.....	428	381	392	481	488
Decided by European Judges	4	1	1	5	3
Ditto Native ditto	1333	1556	1668	1585	1545
Ditto Punchayets.....	1	..	..	1	..
Total decided....	1338	1557	1669	1591	1548

No. 7.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Revenue Judge of Bombay.										Collectors.										Assistant Collectors.					Mamlutdars.					Punchayets.				
	1853		1854		1855		1856		1857		1853		1854		1855		1856		1857		1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.
Suits appealable	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	54	8	170	..	149	1	98	..	163	2	1	..	4	6	862	970	967	978	890	1	..	..	1	..
Appealed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	6	..	4	..	8	..	3	1	1	..	..	1	146	243	190	169	210	..	..	..	..	..
Appeals depending on 1st January	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	5	3	9	2	8	2	10	2	17	1	1	1	..	..	103	161	197	200	214	..	..	..	..	..
Received by transfer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	10	5	15	2	12	2	18	2	20	2	2	1	..	1	249	407	390	372	424	..	..	..	..	..
Affirmed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	..	1	..	..	2	8	1	1	..	..	..	40	112	96	52	113	..	..	..	..	..
Modified	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	10	18	16	26	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	8	55	34	30	24	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	13	22	19	11	48	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	11	7	15	44	19	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	4	1	3	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	7	..	2	..	1	2	18	1	1	1	..	..	88	210	190	158	233	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	9	2	8	2	10	2	17	..	2	1	1	..	..	1	161	197	200	214	191	..	..	..	..	..

No. 8.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Connected with Land Rent	1274	1389	1567	1515	1407
Otherwise connected with Land	64	167	102	76	141
Connected with Debts, Wages, &c.	..	1	..	..	..
Ditto Caste, Religion, &c.....	..	..	..	..	..
Ditto Indigo, Sugar, Silk, &c.	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	1338	1557	1669	1591	1548

No. 9.—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
921	627

No. 10.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1853			1854			1855			1856			1857		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut.	1	9	3	2	5	26	3	1	18	..	4	24	1	10	15
Collectors	..	7	22	..	8	28	..	11	..	..	10	8	..	9	10
Assistant Collectors	..	5	14	1	7	20	1	3	24	..	6	7	..	4	1
Mamlutdars	..	5	4	..	4	25	..	4	24	..	4	17	..	4	22

No. 11.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857
Before Sudder Adawlut.....	1830	801	756	1730	33
Before other Courts, Original.....	14769	15660	21360	23719	13061
Ditto Ditto Appeals	5189	7631	7320	6855	6902
Total....	21788	24092	29436	32304	19996

No. 12.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1853				1854				1855				1856				1857			
	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
		Rs.	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
At the instance of Individuals	18	798	11	7	19	365	9	6	17	397	..	9	17	927	1	3	23	518	2	11
At the instance of Government....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	347	7	11	4	153	9	6	14	5133	15	..
Total Number in Jail	18	798	11	7	19	365	9	6	31	744	8	8	21	1080	10	9	37	5652	1	11

Statement showing what European Officers presided over the Civil and Criminal Courts under this Presidency during the Year 1857, *and what was the proportion of Business disposed of by each.*

Names of the Zillahs.	Names of the European Officers.	Designation.	Period of holding Office.	Disposal of Business.					Remarks.
				Criminal Cases.	Original Suits.	Appeals.	Criminal Miscellaneous Orders.	Civil Miscellaneous Orders.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ahmedabad	A. B. Warden, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	1st January to 31st December 1857.	A 68	..	286	B 1690	C 7131	These figures include 27A Criminal Cases decided, 27B Criminal and 4C Civil Miscellaneous orders issued by the Judge and Session Judge when on Circuit at Kaira.
	A. Bosanquet, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	1st January to 31st December 1857.	39	6	603	430	3052	In addition to this the Judge investigated 36 Claims to Certificates of Heirship, and 52 to sue or defend in *formâ pauperis*.
Kaira	C. Walter, Esq.	Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 31st December 1857	58	3	339	D 1395	E 4747	Was absent on leave from 14th February to the 14th April 1857. D.—These include orders on 169 Miscellaneous Petitions issued by the Assistant Magistrate in Charge of the Jail during the absence of the Senior Assistant Session Judge. E.—These include orders on 702 Miscellaneous Petitions issued by the Sudder Ameen, who was in Charge of the Adawlut during the absence of the Senior Assistant Judge. In addition to this the Senior Assistant Judge investigated into 12 Applications for Certificates of Heirship, and 3 to sue or defend suits as paupers.
Surat	H. Hebbert, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	19 days from 1st to 19th January 1857.	..	..	15	66	F 338	F.—These include 2 Applications for Certificates and 4 Applications to sue and defend suits in *formâ pauperis*.
	A. K. Forbes, Esq	Acting Judge and Session Judge.	284 days from 20th January to 19th May 1857, from 30th May to 29th July 1857, from 3rd September to 8th December 1857, and from 23rd to 28th December 1857	G 25	..	409	H 1466	I 5087	G.—Besides these other 23 Criminal Cases were decided by the Acting Session Judge on Circuit at Broach. H.—These include 6 Criminal Cases received for confirmation from Broach, and 23 Appeals against the Assistant Session Judges and Magistrate and Assistant Magistrate and Deputy Magistrate. I.—These include 29 Applications for Certificates, and 35 to sue or defend suits as paupers.
	W. Sandwith, Esq.	Acting Assistant Judge and Session Judge	337 days from 1st January to 10th November 1857, and from 9th to 31st December 1857	26	16	252	288	2363	
Broach	R. F. Mactier, Esq	Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 24th April, and 25th May to 31st December 1857.	J 36	12	244	1191	2835	Besides the Criminal Cases entered in Column 5 there were 24 Cases decided by the Acting Session Judge of Surat, Mr. Forbes. J.—Proceedings in one of these Cases were quashed by the Acting Session Judge as illegally taken up by the Senior Assistant Session Judge, and the Case was ordered to be left over for the Session Judge.
	J. G. White, Esq.	3rd Assistant Collector and Magistrate in Charge Adawlut.	From 25th to 26th April 1857	..	..	..	2	2	
	W. Salmon, Esq	Assistant Collector and Magistrate in Charge Adawlut	From 27th April to 24th May 1857.	..	..	..	70	184	
Tanna	H. P. St. G. Tucker, Esq.	Acting Judge and Session Judge.	1st January to 2nd March 1857	10	..	15	496	2468	
	C. J. Erskine, Esq	Acting Judge and Session Judge.	16th March to 31st December 1857.	K 49	..	2	1867	5903	K.—Includes 17 Criminals Cases decided at Rutnagherry at the half-yearly Sessions, and 18 were Murder Cases.
	J. L. Warden, Esq	Acting Assistant Judge and Session Judge	1st January to 17th April 1857	5	3	75	223	2393	
	C. H. Cameron, Esq	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	17th April to 31st December 1857	43	15	147	1264	5906	
Rutnagherry	R. H. Pinhey, Esq	Acting Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 31st December 1857	46	2	L 347	2735	16728	L.—This total is smaller than that for 1856, but on 31st December 1857 only 29 Appeals remained on the File, of which none were ready for trial.
Poona	C. M. Harrison, Esq	Acting Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st January to 31st December 1857	15	2	173	1079	13612	
	C. G. Kemball, Esq.	Acting Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st January to 12th October 1857	29	6	488	284	3685	
	R. White, Esq	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 13th October to 31st December 1857	3	..	66	61	1901	
	C. M. Harrison, Esq	Acting Agent	From 1st January to 31st December 1857	..	6	1	..	1893	
	C. G. Kemball, Esq.	Acting Assistant Agent	From 1st January to 12th October 1857	..	15	..	..	94	
	R. White, Esq	Assistant Agent	From 13th October to 31st December 1857.	..	9	..	..	124	
Sholapoor	T. A. Compton, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 9th March from 20th March to 2nd May and from 4th June to 31st December 1857	53	..	268	2236	9401	The Judge proceeded on Circuit, and was absent on leave during the year.
Ahmednuggur	J. W. Woodcock, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	1 year	35	10	212	951	5956	In addition to this the Session Judge reviewed 9 Cases upon petitions from Convicts in the Criminal Jail, and 1 from the Monthly Criminal Return which had been decided by the Assistant Session Judge and the Magisterial Department, and 3 referred by the Assistant Session Judge for confirmation.
	A. E. D. Grey, Esq.	Assistant ditto ditto	11 months and 17 days.	19	..	330	612	6466	
	Hon'ble G. A. Hobart.	Ditto ditto ditto	4 days	..	..	..	..	55	
Khandeish	A. St. J. Richardson, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 2nd January to 25th April, and from 4th June to 31st December 1857	63	12	335	967	6819	In addition to the number of Criminal Cases shown as disposed of in this Return, 2 Cases tried by the Magistracy were reviewed, and English outward letters, memoranda, and endorsements 1219, and periodical papers &c. 653, and Miscellaneous orders on the Criminal side 399, and on the Civil side 2292, issued by the Officers who were in Charge of the Adawlut are not entered in the amount of miscellaneous business.
[illegible]war	A. W. Jones, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	8 months and 11 days	88	3	173	3782	9484	M.—These include 52 Cases appealed to the Session Judge.
	T. C. Loughnan, Esq	Acting ditto	1 month and 19 days.	10	..	30	M 781	N 780	N.—These include 38 inquiries into Petitions of persons claiming to sue Defendants as Paupers, and 16 cases of persons claiming to be declared Heirs or Executors of persons deceased.
	J. R. Arthur, Esq.	Acting Assistant ditto	3 months and 28 days	15	..	186	60	1182	
Belgaum	[illegible], Esq.	Ditto ditto	6 months and 14 days	36	7	123	42	1693	
	G. B. S. Karr, Esq	Political Agent Southern Muratha Country	1st January to 31st December 1857.	..	3	..	..	33	
			Total.	771	130	5119	24038	122315	

Bombay, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, 19th March 1858.

(Signed) J. MORRIS,

1st Assistant Registrar.

No. 628 of 1858.

Bombay, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut,
13*th April* 1858.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department.

Sir,

Present,
W. E. Frere,
M. Larken,
W. H. Harrison,
Esquires.

With reference to para. 3rd of my 1st Assistant's letter No. 481, dated 19th ultimo, submitting the Annual Civil Report for 1857, I have the honour, by direction of the Judges of the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, to submit, for transmission to the Honorable the Court of Directors, in pursuance of para. 4 of Government letter of the 2nd June 1857, No. 1800, the accompanying Statement of the number of Original Suits of different value decided by the Native Judges during the last year.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) M. A. COXON,
Registrar.

H. L. ANDERSON, Esq.

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STATEMENT showing the Number of Original Suits of different value decided by the Principal Sudder Ameens, Sudder Ameens, and Moonsiffs of the Bombay Presidency, in the year 1857.

	Above 10,000 Rupees.	From 5,000 to 10,000 Rupees.	From 2,500 to 5,000 Rupees.	From 1,000 to 2,500 Rupees.	From 500 to 1,000 Rupees.	From 300 to 500 Rupees.	From 100 to 300 Rupees.	From 50 to 100 Rupees.	From 10 to 50 Rupees.	Not exceeding 10 Rupees.	Remarks.
Principal Sudder Ameens.....	32	16	22	37	56	90	508	723	4128	2333	
Sudder Ameens	..	17	17	39	92	170	857	1245	7245	4417	
Moonsiffs	..	..	43	114	255	611	3843	5901	44308	28415	

Bombay, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, 13*th April* 1858.

(Signed) M. A. COXON,
Registrar.